

FEDERAL CITY PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION. INC.  
MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
14 September 1987  
LEVINE SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Bohn  
Bergstrom  
Brayton  
Cooper  
Edens  
Herman  
Hunnicut

Lester  
McFarland  
Padgett  
Rettenmaier  
Rosendall  
Van Luyn

ALSO PRESENT:

Buhrman  
Lewis  
Sisson  
Starner

CALL TO ORDER:

HERMAN Called meeting to Order at 7:32 P.M.

HERMAN Read letter of resignation from Larry McFARLAND; the resignation is to be effective the beginning of the meeting.

HERMAN Called for nominations for the vacant Board position.  
HUNNICUTT Nominated Jim STARNER

RETENMAIER Moved that nominations be closed.  
CARRIED.

HERMAN Excused STARNER from the meeting.  
BOARD Discussed STARNER's qualifications.  
HERMAN Called for balloting.

BOARD ELECTED STARNER.

MINUTES--

MINUTES OF THE 27JUL87 MEETING:  
HERMAN Corrected his statement on page 3: HERMAN wanted "Family" music...

BOHN Corrected minutes on page 3: to read the "Board", not the "Chorus."

MINUTES OF THE 27JUL87 MEETING:  
BOHN The NOW account (page 1) has been closed; item should be struck from the minutes.

BRAYTON Moved to accept the minutes as corrected.  
CARRIED.

TREASURER's REPORT--

BOHN Presented reports for 06-30-87, 07-31-87, and 08-31-87.  
Reviewed general points about the chart of accounts.  
Has established a 6100 series of accounts for the Music Division.  
Has a new check request form  
Discussed budgeted vs. actual, and monthly and year-to-date items.  
Reviewed the overdrafts; deposits had not been made in time to cover the checks. Is attempting to have the service charges of \$132.00 rescinded.  
PADGETT Asked who does concert accounting.  
HERMAN The basic responsibility lies with the concert producer(s).  
LESTER We need to see end-of-concert reports.

HUNNICUTT Moved to accept the Treasurer's reports.  
CARRIED.

BOHN An auditor has been consulted; this will not be a true audit, but a review of the books and procedures.  
We will expense-out merchandise; then it will be income as it is sold.  
Is looking to depreciating music.  
Requested an accurate accounting (inventory) of assets.

MUSIC DIVISION--

SISSON "Harvest Due" will be cut from the 10OCT87 concert.  
Reviewed rehearsal tapes with TRINKLEY for the Holiday Concert;  
they should be available in mid-October.  
The Repertoire Advisory Committee will meet next month to  
discuss April and June...and perhaps farther down the road with  
input from Long-Range-Planning.  
Would like to see check request forms or bills from Noteworthy  
Music.  
BOHN Many have been signed by TRINKLEY.

PRODUCTION--

BRAYTON Presented report.  
BRAYTON Moved that he be granted authority to sign the UDC Contract.  
CARRIED.  
BRAYTON Discussed logistics of moving the company to Richmond for the  
December concert there.  
We will receive no performance fee for that concert.  
HUNNICUTT Asked if we could not do the concert; and how could we do this  
concert and our own as well--both with GMCW musical excellence.  
HERMAN It is too late to back out. ZISKIND said this is a major event  
there.  
VAN LUYN Mentioned car-pooling to Richmond  
LESTER We should have looked to the tight schedule in the summer--not  
now.  
HERMAN They can back-out, but we can not.  
Assumed we were getting paid for the gig.  
Suggested a draft contract to cover 2 busses, transportation of  
risers, and a \$500.00 performance fee.  
Will poll members on transportation on Sunday, at rehearsal.  
We should provide at least 1 bus.

MEMBERSHIP--

EDENS We had 20 new singing members; now we have 19.  
There are also new support members.  
The directory is ready for distribution at the next rehearsal.  
Keeping up with new members is a major task.  
LESTER Asked the status of Alumni members.  
BOHN Spoke with Membership on the subject  
EDENS Has made reservations at Annie's for the Fall Dinner.

FUND RAISING--

HUNNICUTT We have new thank-you notes for GMCW  
Reviewed GMCW yard sale; there is presently no one to sell;  
volunteers are need for all phases of the project.

PR AND PUBLICATIONS--

ROSENDALL Needs a Publications Committee Coordinator.  
Needs a Marketing Committee Coordinator.  
Is hoping to sell 300-400 season subscriptions.

CAPITAL CLUB--

SABACEK The quarterly meeting was a success; ca. 40 people attended.  
Cap. Club elections were held: Paul PLATTNER-Chairman, Darryl  
NETHERTON-Vice Chairman, Bob FREITAG-Secretary, Ron SABACEK-  
Chorus Liaison.  
The December Gala Fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, 2  
December; invitations will be sent out shortly.



GALA REPRESENTATIVE--

SABACEK Reviewed the 3-4 September meeting in Vancouver, BC. Canada. There is no GALA concern about the March on Washington; there is no single political issue involved. Ca. 111 delegates from 38 choruses attended. There are ca. 58 GALA Choruses--30 men's, 9 women's, 7 mixed. GALA dues is \$1.50 per chorus member. GALA III Festival will be in Seattle over the July 4th weekend in 1989. TRINKLEY is discussing with Vancouver Director a Canada Day program to be held in Vancouver 1JUL89; 4 choruses will sing--Rochester, GMCW, Toronto, Vancouver. Reviewed "Our Time to Sing" and the differences between GALA and the producers.

BRAYTON Spoke of the costs of transportation, etc. to Seattle/Vancouver, and the necessity for a payment plan for members.

ROSENDALL Requested reimbursement for his transportation to Vancouver.

VAN LUYN In July, we agreed only to pay registration for attendees other than the Director and the GALA Representative.

RETENMAIER For all other GALA Conferences, Board Members were reimbursed for registration fees only.

EAGLE BARTENDING--

HUNNICUTT Reviewed his letter to Tom ROEDER. Gave the "go-ahead" to ROEDER to coordinate and conduct activity. Will do a demand letter for payment of outstanding bartending money.

VAN LUYN There is no membership interest in bartending.

HERMAN Is reluctant to squash a volunteer revenue-producing project.

HUNNICUTT Moved to reinstate Eagle Bartending according to his letter to ROEDER.

CARRIED.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS--

HERMAN Reviewed complaints that there were no crowd-pleasers at the Constitution Hall program, and complaints in particular about "Harvest Due." Re-work of the program seems to have made these complaints premature. Spoke of concerns about the Holiday Concert. The concept of Holiday AND Family seems to be missing; there was a request for a strong family orientation at our retreat. With our other commitments, can we do a holiday program in 4 weeks? We want to ensure that our programs keep a degree of showmanship--as we saw at UDC last March. We have a strong desire for creative programming for June. We need showmanship appropriate to the program.

ROSENDALL In planning a season, we should not fit 3 programs into 1 mold.

STARNER Long Range Planning should set the framework.

RETENMAIER TRINKLEY's hand in that March concert has to be looked at; the Holiday concert may be a second issue.

COOPER Much production work was accomplished by Duward SUMNER; I do not think TRINKLEY has been pro-active in doing production numbers.

HERMAN Reviewed many issues in the discussion. We did not deliver what we advertized last June. We are not selling out; our audiences are telling us something. We need answers now. We can do both a show and a musical education.

HUNNICUTT The concern at the present is the Holiday and the March concerts. Is TRINKLEY's vision like our vision? The point of showmanship is important.

BUHRMAN We should BUILD on our successes, and create new things and new approaches for audience surprise; let's look to the future. We need long-range audience development.

PADGETT The academic environment seems to keep TRINKLEY out of touch with our audience and with us.

HUNNICUTT



LESTER It is easier to lead us where we want to go.  
The Repertoire Advisory Committee does not seem to have the weight it should.  
TRINKLEY is about a decade behind our audience in musical taste. Items get stuffed under the rug when TRINKLEY does not want to do them.

RETTEMAIER We are building audiences; but are we keeping them?  
The survey indicates that we have a regular 1/3 turnover.

BUHRMAN The Repertoire Advisory Committee goes along with the Director; we don't know where GMCW wants to go.  
Requested input, now.

STARNER The Committee needs more lead time; there can not be 11th-hour decisions; we need time to review, think, discuss.  
This is a Repertoire Advisory Committee, not a Music Selection Committee.

HERMAN Asked TRINKLEY to use last year's Committee for the Holiday Concert.  
TRINKLEY wanted a new Committee for a new season; that is an unfortunate situation.

HUNNICUTT The question may be "What do we want to be?"  
SISSON Feels often put in the "middle."  
The Board needs to address the problem/situation.  
The Holiday Concert seems seriously undermined.  
TRINKLEY is trying to make it all work.  
Breakdown of communication is a long-overdue issue.  
Specifics should be taken to the Director.  
There are several facets to any director; artistic bent is one of them.

BRAYTON Good music can entertain.  
We all enjoy the challenge of new/good/other music.

VAN LUYN Moved to suggest to Bruce TRINKLEY and the Repertoire Advisory Committee that a mixed concert be built for March--liked last March's concert--and that Steve HERMAN bring this to Bruce TRINKLEY's attention. We are looking for a Gala performance, of different genera and styles. A tentative program should be presented to the October Board meeting.

RETTEMAIER Called the question  
CARRIED.  
MOTION CARRIED.

ROSENDALL Moved to charge the Long Range Planning Committee to proceed with development so we are not in the same situation for later in the year, and for the 1988-1989 season.  
CARRIED.

THE ACCOMPANISTS--  
HERMAN Reviewed the agreements with Ted GUERRANT and Jim HOLLOWAY.  
BOHN Gentlemen's agreements had been previously in effect.  
We presented ill-conceived contracts.  
Our legal status requires a written agreement, though.

HERMAN Drafted job descriptions for the Accompanists.

HUNNICUTT Moved to pay the accompanists for their services for the 2 weeks in August.  
CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS--  
BOHN Requested that he be authorized to spend up to \$50.00 for a new calculator for GMCW.  
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT--  
BOHN Moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED.  
Meeting adjourned 11:45 P.M.

W. F. Rettenmaier, Jr.  
Secretary